(c) to (e). Representations revived for grant of Special compensatory (Remote Locality) allowance to the Central Government employees are under consideration.

[*English*]

Development of national Highway No. 4

1855 SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to widen and develop the Pune-Kolhapur section of National Highway No.4 to ease the problem of traffic congestion; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUFRACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGADISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). There is no proposal at present to widen this section to 4-lanes.

[*Translation*]

Clearance to Companies Under MRTP Act

1856 SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL:
SHRIMATI D.K. BHABDARI:

Will the MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing procedure for clearance to companies under the purview of MRTP Act has since been streamlined;

(b) whether the new streamlined procedure will also be applicable to companies seeking substantial expansion and setting up of new undertakings;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to simplify the existing procedure further; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIARS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGALAM): (a) to (e). In terms of the MRTP (Amendment) Ordinance dated 27.9.91 followed by MRTP (Amendment) act of 1992, the provisions under Sections 21 and 22 existing in the Act have been deleted. Thefefore, at present, approval of the Central government is no longer required under the MRTP Act for expansion of an undertaking or for the establishment of a new undertaking. Accordingly, the procedure existing prior to the amendment for dealing with applications under Sections 21 and 22 has been discontinued.

[*English*]

Drug Smuggling

1857. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the cases of drug smuggling detected and the details of narcotic drugs seized during etch of the last two years;

(b) the number of prosecutions launched and the outcome of such cases; and

(c) the disposal of the seized drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FIANANCE (SHRI

RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number of cases of drug trafficking detected and the quaintly of drugs seized during the years 1990 and 1991 are as given below:

Description of Drug	*1990*		*1991*	
	No. of cases	*Qty seized (in Kg.)*	*No of cases*	*Qty. seized (in Kg.)*
Opium	506	2114	526	1997
Morphine	27	6	20	5
Heroin	764	2193	1156	621
Ganja	1782	39090	3129	48210
Hashish	753	6388	326	4397
Cocaine	2	1	-	-
Methaqualone	60	2141	78	4415

(b) The infromation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Quantity of seized durgs disposed by destruction during the years 1990 and 1991 is as given below:-

Descrption of drug	*Quantiy disposed (In Kgs)* *1990*	*1991*
Opium	43	101
Heroin	1708	1578
Ganja	4780	4046
Hashih	1810	2386
Methaqualone	724	1615

Indian Debt to Erstwhile Soviet Union

1858. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated Indian debt to the erstwhile Soviet Union;

(b) whether the Government propose